

# Thorndown Primary School

## Newsletter

Hello,

It has been lovely to welcome back the children ready for the start of a very exciting summer term.

We have some fantastic events occurring this term with Y4 residentials, duck eggs in Reception, museum visits and much more!

Whilst it appears that the better weather is starting to make an appearance please ensure your child continues to come to school with a coat. The weather is often changeable at this time of year and we do go out in most weathers!

We would also like to remind you that children should not be playing on any school play equipment before or after school. Thank you for supporting us with this during these times.

Take care,  
Mr Snape



### School Dates



24<sup>th</sup> April - Zoolab for Reception

28<sup>th</sup> April - Y2 visit to Zoology and Fitzwilliam Museum

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday

11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> May - Mental Health Awareness Week

11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May - SATs Week

11<sup>th</sup> May - Duckling eggs arrive to Reception

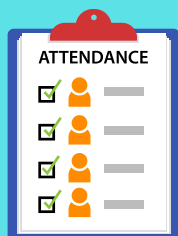
18<sup>th</sup> May - Individual photos this week

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May - Flatford Mill Residential

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is 95.35%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



This week, the classes winning our attendance trophy for best attendance was Puffins with 100%

### Parents Play Afternoon

A huge thank you to all who attended our Parents Play Afternoon. It was a great event and we have had some fantastic feedback. We will be looking to put on another play afternoon in the summer!



# Achievement



## Oracy Assembly

This week, on 15th April, it was World Art Day. World Art Day celebrates all kinds of art and it encourages people to look at, make and enjoy art from all around the world. We discussed that art can be anything – a drawing, a painting, a sculpture and even photography. There is no right or wrong ways to create art: it can be colourful, messy, neat or imaginative!

We looked at the following pieces of artwork by famous artists. Can you tell your adult at home which one was your favourite? Maybe, they could ask you some ‘probing’ questions to find out why it was your favourite!



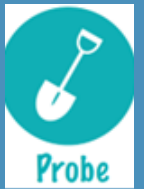
**Frida Kahlo**  
(1907-1954) was a celebrated Mexican artist



**Jean-Michel Basquiat**  
(1960-1988) a celebrated American artist



**Banksy**  
a celebrated British street artist



## Writers of the Week!

This weeks writers of the week are...

- Elephant - William F
- Orca - Freya
- Otter - Martha
- Camel - Rosie
- Kangaroo - Freya
- Owl - Annabelle
- Bat - Newton
- Turtle - Ripley
- Puffin - Hari H
- Meerkat - Myah
- Lemur - Max
- Giraffe - Sapphire
- Chameleon - Ursula
- Penguin - Lily G
- Lion - Leigha
- Toucan - Ryley
- Panther - Ruby
- Jaguar - Grace

## Pre-School

Welcome back to Pre-School! This term, our themes are Occupations and Life Cycles, and we have lots of exciting opportunities and activities planned for the children.

This week, our Story of the Week was The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the butterfly life cycle. They took part in a variety of activities including painting butterflies, listening to different caterpillar stories, and learning a new song, "Five Little Caterpillars."

Next week, we are beginning our special "People Who Help Us" sessions, where parents are invited in to talk about their jobs. We still have a few spaces available throughout the term, so if you would like to come in and share your role with the children in a fun and engaging way, we would love to hear from you. We hope you all had a lovely Easter, and we are looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

# Well-Being

## NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

## Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

### **Parent/Carer support**

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents)

### **Activities to extend learning at home**

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities)

### **Online Safety Hub**

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

[www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)

### **Childline – under 12's**

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

[www.childline.org.uk/buddy](http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy) (5-7)  
[www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids) (7-11)

# Opportunity



## Food waste lorry naming competition

Congratulations to Iris in Year 5 who has been shortlisted in the Huntingdonshire District competition to name one of the new food waste bin lorries. Iris worked hard to come up with her name and design a sticker for it in Eco Council. This means that one of the lorries will be called Hungry Herbert, named by Iris. Iris has been invited to go and see her bin lorry in person on Saturday. Have a look out for it on bin collection day!



# DON'T MISS OUT ON DLA!

Did you know you can get DLA,  
the main benefit for disabled  
children even if:

- Your child doesn't have a diagnosis.
- You have a job or savings.
- You get other benefits.

**ONLY 1 THING  
MATTERS:**

Your child has a disability, illness  
or health condition and needs  
more care or watching over than  
other children their age.

Visit [www.contact.org.uk/dla](http://www.contact.org.uk/dla) to find out more

**contact** For families  
with disabled children

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## Tots Group

Every Tuesday 9AM TILL 10AM